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AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

RESPONSE

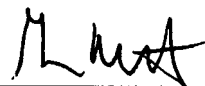
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 2, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-5 and 11-14) with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in this case can be examined without "serious burden." The Office Action does not contend otherwise. The application contains only 20 claims total. Since the restriction requirement does not set forth a serious burden, it should be withdrawn. M.P.E.P. § 803. Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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